Anthropology, BS

Are you torn between studying history or biology? You can explore both while learning about human origins, ancient cultures and what it means to be human. Obtain in-depth knowledge of human evolution, adaptability and behavior, and you'll have an edge when pursuing your chosen career.

**Program Description**

A BS program in anthropology provides training in data analysis and research design within the context of human evolution, archaeology and the wider field of anthropology.

In this degree program, students learn how to use the scientific method to formulate and test hypotheses and how to gather qualitative and quantitative data through participant observation, interviewing, careful excavation and measurement. They also learn how to employ statistics to analyze and extract meaning from data. But this is not just a technical degree. Rather, through broad anthropological coursework the student learns how to ask important questions about the human species.

A special feature of the ASU anthropology program is its relevance to other disciplines and many exciting hands-on learning opportunities in laboratories, study abroad experiences and field-based courses. The student learns to think like an anthropologist, to appreciate humanity's place in nature and the long history of human societal change that brought us to where we are today.

The School of Human Evolution and Social Change values interdisciplinarity and also offers a traditional, four-field training, with faculty specialties in archaeology, sociocultural anthropology, evolutionary anthropology and linguistics.

Students enrolled in this program may not pursue a concurrent degree with the BA in anthropology or the Bachelor of Arts in global health but may add a minor in global health to complement the core curriculum.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online, ASU Local@Los Angeles
  - Additional Program Fee: Yes
  - Second Language Requirement: No
  - **First Required Math Course:** MAT 251 - Calculus for Life Sciences
  - **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

- 2021 - 2022 Major Map (On-campus)
- 2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)
- Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

- Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year.
Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](#).

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students...
save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Study abroad gives students a clearer view of the world, its people and the complex challenges they face. Whether studying environmental and health issues in Australia or investigating ancient cultures in France, students can see the world and gain hands-on experience that prepares them for a 21st century career. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in anthropology: mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/major/anthropology.

Career Opportunities

The demand in the job market for people with an anthropology background is stimulated by a growing need for researchers and analysts with keen thinking skills who can manage, evaluate and interpret large amounts of data. As the many spheres of human interaction expand globally, people trained in anthropology increasingly are sought for their broad, holistic knowledge and perspective, which are the hallmarks of anthropology.

Some career opportunities include:

- acting as legal advocates in international cases
- analyzing and proposing policies
- conducting postgraduate academic research
- consulting for large and small private and public organizations
- curating cultural resources
- directing nonprofit organizations
- directing programs in the private or public sector
- managing cultural resources in public and private sectors
- modeling infectious diseases
- planning communities
- providing health care as nurses, doctors, or public or global health professionals
- teaching

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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